**Call to order:** Cassie Streit called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM

**Roll call: Present:** Laurel Driskell, Kelli Webb, Stephanie Gillig, Hank Boyer, Tim Blake, Matt Pestinger, Cassie Streit, Aaron Wedel, Michelle Peck, Stephanie Anderson

**Absent** John Reber, Mike Wilson

**SDI:** Leslie Bishop, Dian Gebhardt, April Rickman

**Guest Jacob Wood,**

**Approval of agenda:**

Agenda approved.

September minutes and Financial Reports - approved. Lesie mentioned the overture in computer expenses for the year was due to the new SDI website – the website was not in the 2023 budget. The SDI partnership decrease is due to the event sponsorship money received in 2022 went into partnership. In 2023, event partnership money received went into programming. Our partnership income is up 845.00 from 2022.

**Public Forum: none**

**Staff Reports:**

**Aesthetics Report**: Dian

* Fall Fix up on Oct 14th went well. We had 13 volunteers. We were able to clean out all the pots and cleaned up Strand Plaza.
* We are still dealing with will personal belongings being left unattended in the downtown district.
* Pigeon waste is still a big problem. It was reported that more spikes have been ordered by the city.

**Programming:** April

* The SaWINEa Wine Walk is Sat., Oct 21. VIP check-in is at 4:00, GA check-in is at 5:00 pm. 160 tickets have been sold.
* April received the Next Gen Under 30 award will be attending the Next Gen Gala hosted by the Dept. of Commerce on Friday, Oct 20,2023.
* Downtown Trick or Treat is Friday, Oct 27th 4 – 6pm SFHC bus, Durham School “haunted bus” and KSU-Salina will bring “trunks” for trick or treating.

**Director:** Leslie

* We had a good meeting with the city and the DRT re: the downtown Farmers mkt. Leslie, April and Dian will be attending the board meeting of the Sat. Ohio Street market on Tuesday, Oct 24, 2023
* The snowflakes, Christmas tree and the tree lights will be go up the first week of Nov.
* Leslie attended the Kansas Art Symposium, and it was very worthwhile. SDI needs to do a better job at defining our role re: programming downtown. We cannot be everything to everyone.
* Leslie and Mike will attend the community strategic planning meeting on Fri., Oct 20, 2023 – 8-2.
* SDI is hosting a partnership appreciation gathering today, Oct 19. We would appreciate board members attending.

**Action Items:**

* **The Nov. Board meeting will break into executive board meeting to discuss staff end-of-year bonuses and employee pay increases.**

**Meeting Adjourned 8:00**

**Next SDI Board meeting Thursday, November 16, 2023, 7:30 am at the SDI office 134 S Santa Fe Suite 120**